

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1762

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy under part B of the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 1997

Mr. ENSIGN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Coverage of  
5 Infectious Diseases Therapy Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF OUTPATIENT PAREN-**  
2 **TERAL ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
6 graphs (N) and (O), and

7 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (O) the fol-  
8 lowing new subparagraph:

9 “(P) an antimicrobial which is administered to  
10 a patient parenterally; and”.

11 (b) PRACTICE GUIDELINES.—The Secretary of  
12 Health and Human Services, in consultation with medical  
13 specialty societies and other health organizations with ex-  
14 pertise in the treatment of infectious diseases, shall estab-  
15 lish practice guidelines for the appropriate use of  
16 antimicrobials described in section 1861(s)(2)(P) of the  
17 Social Security Act.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19 subsection (a) apply to antimicrobials administered on or  
20 after January 1, 1998.

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